

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 16-31 are pending. Claims 16, 18, 22, 24, 28, and 30 have been amended. Claims 17, 23 and 29 have been cancelled. No claims have been added. Therefore, claims 16, 18-22, 24-28, and 30-31 are now presented for examination.

Allowable Subject Matter

Initially the Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the Examiner's careful search and for the finding of allowable subject matter in **claims 17-21, 23-27, and 29-31**. The Examiner has indicated that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The allowable subject matter of claim 17 has been incorporated into independent claim 16. The allowable subject matter of claim 23 has been incorporated into independent claim 22. The allowable subject matter of claim 29 has been incorporated into independent claim 28.

It is submitted that the amended claims presented herein are in condition for allowance.

Objection to Drawing - Corrected Drawing

The Office Action states that Figure 2 should be designated by a legend of "Prior Art".

A red-lined Figure 2 is submitted herewith, including the legend "Prior Art". Formal drawings, including the change to Figure 2, will be filed shortly.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to **Claim 28**, the Examiner stating that the term “the light intensity” lacks proper antecedent basis.

Claim 28 has been modified to refer to “a light intensity”. It is submitted that the modification of the claim addresses the claim objection.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

Hiramatsu

The Examiner rejected claims 22 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,339,478 of Hiramatsu (“Hiramatsu”).

Without any concession regarding the rejection, the allowable subject matter of claim 17 has been incorporated into independent claim 16 and the allowable subject matter of claim 23 has been incorporated into independent claim 22. It is submitted that the claims, as amended, are not anticipated by Hiramatsu.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103

Hiramatsu

The Examiner rejected claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hiramatsu.

Without any concession regarding the rejection, the allowable subject matter of claim 29 has been incorporated into independent claim 28. It is submitted that claim 16, as amended, is allowable.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome by the amendments and remarks presented herein, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.



Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

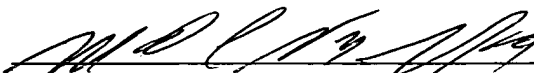
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Respectfully submitted,

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